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## LEADER IN CHARGE OF LOCAL DEMONSTRATION



THE REV. ERWIN S. SPEES, D.D.

The Rev. Erwin S. Spees, D.D., who will direct the local demonstration, is the associate secretary of The Parish and Church School Board in charge of its leadership education division. Dr. Spees is a graduate of Wittenberg College and Hamma Divinity School, both in Springfield, Ohio. Before coming to the Board, he served several pastorates in Toledo and Cincinnati, Ohio, covering a period of fourteen years. During this time he was active in youth work and leadership education. For seven years he served as director of the boys' camp of the Lutheran Synod of Ohio. In 1940, Secretary Spees became a member of the staff of The Parish and Church School Board in charge of its youth division. Since 1946 he has been in charge of the leadership education program of the Board.

## THE SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS' RALLY

The third annual Sunday School Teachers' Rally was held June 26-27, at Sunrise Lutheran Camp, Husavik, Man. Mr. Gissur Eliasson, the president, presided at all meetings. Members of the Lutheran Women's League were the hostesses, and served the excellent meals.

Thirty-seven persons were registered, representing the Sunday Schools of Gimli, Glenboro, Grund, Langruth, Lundar, Selkirk and Winnipeg. The first session, a business meeting, was held Saturday afternoon. At the evening program, musical groups from Winnipeg, under the direction of Miss Corrine Day, and Riverton, accompanied by Mrs. S. O. Thompson, entertained. Fern Hallson, also of Riverton, recited in Icelandic. Rev. E. H. Sigmar delivered an address, in the absence of Rev. S. Olafsson, who was deterred by illness. After lunch the day's program was concluded by a fellowship hour, under the capable leadership of Rev. E. H. Sigmar.

Rev. S. J. Sigurgeirson conducted an inspiring Sunrise service at the lake shore on Sunday morning. Later, Miss E. L. Gillstrom, Educational Missionary of the Parish and Church School Board, U.L.C.A., gave a practical demonstration of the use of the Christian Growth Series Sunday School Material.

The proposed constitution was revised and passed by the Rally. The Hymn book committee, headed by Mrs. B. Bjarnason, was re-elected and asked to continue its work.

The new executive consists of Miss J. S. Olafsson, Miss L. M. Guttormson, Mr. A. McNicholl, with Miss E. L. Gillstrom and Rev. E. H. Sigmar in an advisory capacity.

The rally closed on Sunday afternoon. Those attending the Rally left with the feeling that, within the scope of this Association, much can be done to further the work of our Church.

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### RALLY AT FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH BEGINS LOCAL SUNDAY SCHOOL DRIVE

#### National Church Leader Addresses Workers.

On September 26th to 30th, workers from several local Lutheran churches will meet in First Lutheran Church, Victor St., for the opening rally in one of a series of nation-wide "Sunday School Enlistment Demonstrations", being sponsored by The United Lutheran Church in America. The Rev. Erwin S. Spees, D.D., associate secretary of the denomination's Parish and Church School Board, with headquarters in Philadelphia, Pa., will outline the program of personal visitations to be conducted by the congregations on the next two nights.

This enlistment demonstration is one of more than 100 being conducted throughout the United Lutheran Church's 4,000 congregations in the United States and Canada during 1948. It is part of the church's five-year effort to increase its Sunday School membership to 1,000,000 by 1950. During the last two years its Sunday School enrollment has increased from 740,000 to approximately 800,000.

The Rev. V. J. Eylands, pastor of the First Lutheran Church, is chairman in charge of local arrangements.

In addition to the two nights spent in visiting Sunday School prospects, the workers will meet a third night to evaluate and improve the religious education program of their congregations. Pastors of each local church will announce the time and place for the meeting of their workers. Pastors from other churches will be in charge of these evaluations, helping the workers to score their own programs against a "Projects for Achievement" chart.



And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten Father, full of grace and truth.

—John 1:14.

### JUST A WORD

As our good friend Rev. V. J. Eylands, B.D., takes up his position again as Editor of our paper we extend to him and his family our warmest welcome. From the renewed vigor with which he has set about the work that lies ahead it is at once apparent that Iceland, from whence he has recently returned after a twelve-month sojourn as exchange minister, has with a kind outstretched hand blessed his visit and placed at his disposal a wealth of wonderful new experiences, which we hope will during the course of the coming year be related as far as possible through the pages of the Messenger. We missed him and his able leadership a great deal, so that he may be certain, and had we not been most fortunate in having during this interim as our acting editor another of our finest men, his absence would have been even more evident.

For doing exceedingly good and conscientious work during this past year for our paper, we are deeply grateful to Dr. R. Marteinsson, and though he is no longer actually associated with it, we hope that he will continue to contribute to its contents the sunshine that radiates from his noble thoughts for well do our readers know and appreciate the faith and loving kindness that glows from every word he writes.

Our editor, Rev. Eylands, has had an opportunity of viewing our publication from a distance, and he is more convinced than ever that it has an important role to play in the activities of our synod and that it can become a vital force in the promotion of its progress and welfare. This same conviction was amplified at the last synodical convention held at Gimli in June. It was agreed that immediate steps should be taken to appoint reporters in each community to send in articles and news items from their respective parishes. This should be done without delay and it is to our ministers that we look for action in regards to these appointments.

It was also decided that definite action must be taken to increase the number of subscribers. This is an important aspect of our publication and it is gratifying to note that some districts have sent in many new subscriptions since this decision was reached. In this regard it should be pointed out that the subscription rate had to be increased to \$1.00 per year in an effort to overcome the financial deficits that we have been forced to admit.

We wish to acknowledge with thanks receipts from the following subscribers, whose names have reached us since the last report was printed:

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Jesus said: Abide in me and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine, no more can ye, except ye abide in me. —John 15:4.

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### THE LUTHERAN SUNDAY SCHOOL BY MAIL

The coming term marks the beginning of the fifth year of the Sunday School by Mail in its present form. God has blessed our efforts. The membership has increased by almost 800%, there being 816 pupils enrolled by the end of June. This growth has been possible through the efforts of pastors and friends interested in bringing Christian instruction to those who are unable to attend Church or Sunday School regularly.

Our purpose remains the same—to reach the

'unreachable' with the study of the Word of God. Children enrolled in the Lutheran Sunday School by Mail receive the very best Sunday School literature—the Christian Growth Series. There are classes for pupils from 4 to 18 years of age. There is a catechetical class to help prepare students for the pastor's class. Adults may refresh their minds and hearts with a study of "What a Church Member Should Know." And what better use could be made of our time than a study of the Gospel of Luke? For adults interested in preparing themselves to teach there are leadership courses available.

Christian parents, do not let the excuse of distance from a church allow you to neglect the religious nurture of your children. Train and teach them the Christian way of life in your home. This is your obligation and opportunity. Let us help you with the lessons of the Lutheran Sunday School by Mail.

We urge parents, pastors, pupils and friends to remember this work in their prayers, gifts and the enrolling of more pupils.

**To enroll send name, address, age (if under 18), and grade in school, to the LUTHERAN SUNDAY SCHOOL BY MAIL, LUTHERAN COLLEGE, Saskatoon, Sask.**

During the 1947-48 term of the Lutheran Sunday School by Mail the following pupils were enrolled through the Icelandic Synod:

Oscar Sigvaldson, Emily Gudmundson, Leo Gudmundson, Violet Gudmundson, Olina Bjornson, Johanna Bjornson, Steinun Sigurdson, Ingvar Kristjanson, Roland Kristjanson, Bjorn Bjornson, Sigurbjorg Finnson, Hilda Finnson, Donnie Finnson, Alma Martin, Robert Martin, Lorraine Martin, Eleanor Martin, Gustaf Finnson, Harold Finnson, Halldor Finnson, Alice Floyd, Triggve Finnson, Hilda Finnson, Kristin Finnson, Kristjon Finnson, Carol Finnson, Kern Kerenested, Gordon Kerenested, Paul Kerenested, Evelyn Gunnlaugson, Irene Gunnlaugson, Robt. Gunnlaugson, Asi Freeman, Charles Freeman, Flovent Sigfusson, Elmer Sigfusson, Gisli Sigfusson, Olun Sigfusson, William Eiriksson, Rosemary Eiriksson, Laura Eiriksson, David Gislason, Leo Johnson, Baldur Johnson, Baldrun Johnson, Olof Johnson, Alda Johnson, Irving Ingelhart, Rodger Pickering, Gerald Nichol, and Lillian Nygaard.

Offerings from the students amounted to \$20.75. Mrs. R. K. G. Sigbjornson contributed \$1.00 and the Vikur Sunday School at Mountain, North Dakota, gave \$10.00 to the work. We appreciate these indications of interest in the work and heartily commend their example to other individuals and organizations of the Synod who are interested in the Christian educational work of the Church.



## TO ICELAND ←

## RETURN

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REV. EIRIKUR BRYNJOLFSSON AND FAMILY

### A HISTORY OF THE ICELANDIC CHURCH

Review by Dr. Richard Beck, Professor  
of Scandinavian Languages and Litera-  
tures, University of North Dakota.

### ICELANDIC CHURCH SAGA

By John C. P. F. Hood, D.D., London,  
Society for promoting Christian Knowl-  
edge, London, 1946.

This history of the Icelandic Church, the first special treatment of the subject in English, is the direct fruit of Dr. Hood's sojourn in Iceland during the war years, where he served as Chief Chaplain of the British Forces garrisoning the country (1940-42). While there he gathered source material and drafted the work, later, when military duties had taken him back to England, he pursued his studies further in the

libraries of Cambridge and Oxford Universities. In his preface the author notes that the book is intended for ordinary readers, and that purpose has been achieved very successfully. The account is clearly presented and equally readable. At the same time it is thoroughly scholarly, witness the extensive references and numerous foot-notes. Indeed, the author has drawn on many sources, ecclesiastical and secular, in order to present a well-rounded picture of the Icelandic Church and its activities down through the ages and of its future prospects in a troubled world.

After discussing the traces of early Christianity in Iceland, Dr. Hood describes the vigorous missionary efforts which led to the official adoption of Christianity in the year 1000. The country had, as is well known, been settled primarily by Norwegians during the years 874-930, and the conversion of Iceland to Christi-

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land, and our Synod, more particu-  
First Lutheran Church of Winnipeg,  
22nd last, when the Rev. Eirikur Bryn-  
of Utskalar, left for Iceland, after spe-  
year in Winnipeg, as an exchange pas-  
the same day, the pastor of the First I-  
Church returned to his parish.

Judging by newspaper accounts on b-  
of the Atlantic, this venture was quite  
ful. Rev. Brynjolfsson endeared him-  
great many people on this side dur-  
sojourn here, not only in Winnipeg, but  
of the other parishes of Synod which  
an opportunity to visit. He left for his  
land with the gratitude and good wish  
our people who came to know him.

During the year your Editor real-  
childhood ambition of serving as pasto-  
State Church of Iceland. While there he  
two parishes, and conducted weekly se-  
the Keflavik airport for the American p-  
there; had seven preaching places in  
baptized 95 children; confirmed 72  
people; buried 28 persons; conducted 1-  
ices, and spoke at numerous progra-  
social functions, and on the radio. It was  
a very busy year, and one fraught  
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REV. V. J. EYLANDS AND FAMILY

anity was chiefly the result of "the initiative and compelling enterprise of Olaf Tryggvason," Norway's great Missionary King.

The author then goes on to recount the development and the consolidation of the Icelandic Church under the energetic leadership of the early bishops. Particularly interesting and significant is the chapter entitled "Spirit, Mind, and Body," surveying the religious life in those early days, the ecclesiastical influence in Icelandic literature, and dealing further with such matters as church law, property and patronage. Iceland was an independent commonwealth for over three centuries, 930-1264, and a separate chapter is devoted to the account of the position and state of the Church during the closing and turbulent years of that period, when the independence of the nation was lost as the result of internal strife between ambitious, feuding chieftains.

"Submission to the King of Norway brought to an end the golden age of the Icelandic Commonwealth and closed an era of much splendor and intellectual eminence," observes Dr. Hood correctly. With equal justification he goes on to say:

"The leaders of the Church in this small Commonwealth had proved also leaders of the people and had played a noble part in its history. Bishops often forgot that they were churchmen in the outstanding qualities they showed as chieftains. But most of them excelled as men of learning and character. The Church in its schools and monasteries and by its individual scholars had a distinguished share in Iceland's almost unique contribution to world literature."

The external dominance of the Church in the course of the next hundred years, marked by frequent clashes between the bishops and

secular leaders, and other phases of church life characteristic of the period, are then described. There follows an account of the decadence of Church and nation during the fourteenth and fifteenth centuries, brought about in no small degree by the fury of the elements, famine and pestilence, which undermined the economic life of the nation and sapped its spiritual strength.

The introduction of the Lutheran Reformation in Iceland, achieved after considerable struggle is dealt with in some detail; its far-reaching consequences and gradually increasing moral and spiritual influence are evaluated.

In a chapter entitled "Fightings and Fears", the vicissitudes of the Icelandic Church and nation during the period 1630-1720 are described, with deserved consideration given to the notable church leaders of the day, particularly the great hymn writer Hallgrímur Petursson and Bishop Jon Vidalin, author of a classic volume of sermons, both of whom have deeply influenced the religious and spiritual life of the Icelandic people for generations. The eighteenth century then receives its due attention, rightly characterized as in many respects a period of storm and stress.

Nevertheless, the approaching dawn in the national life could be seen streaking the clouded sky. The national rebirth and revival in many spheres of activity, during the nineteenth century, political and cultural, and affecting as well the Church and its work, are the subject of the final chapter of the book. It also includes illuminating descriptions of church buildings, past and present, church order, organization and worship. In conclusion there is an appreciative but very brief note on the Icelandic colonies in America.

Dr. Hood, therefore, surveys in a quite detailed fashion the history of the Icelandic Church from the days of the very first settlers of the country down to the present time. The account of the earlier centuries is especially inclusive. Throughout, the book is characterized by a keen understanding of the subject and an endeavor to build on a solid historical foundation and to interpret events and developments in the light of established facts. At the same time, as the author traces the external history of the Church and describes its great leaders in various times, he is much concerned with interpreting on one hand the relationship of the Church to historical development generally, to religious and cultural movements, and on the other hand its influence on the national life as a whole.

Dr. Hood's admiration for the Icelandic people and the Icelandic Church can readily be seen, although his account is both frank and

honest, as behooves a good historian. He pays noble tribute to the cherished leaders of the Church of Iceland and has firm faith in its future, mindful of its victorious struggle against various obstacles and great odds in ages past. He has high praise for the bishop and the present-day clergy of Iceland for their brotherly spirit of cooperation and hospitality.

The usefulness of the book is enhanced by a chronology outlining the main events in the history of the Icelandic nation and the Church of the country.

The frontpiece features the proposed cathedral at Reykjavik, a magnificent modern edifice, while there is also a drawing of the oldest church in Iceland, a sod structure. The contrast between the two is both striking and symbolic of the development in Icelandic church building, and no less characteristic of the country itself as a land of great contrasts scenically, where the old and the new mingle impressively, modern progress side by side with time-honored historical and literary traditions.



### TO THE READERS OF "THE PARISH MESSENGER"

Here I am again, at my desk, trying to edit "The Parish Messenger". I was really surprised to find myself still called its editor after a year's absence from the country. I take this as a compliment from the Synod, and shall try to deserve it by serving the cause of this paper to the best of my ability during the remaining months of the year. Although I presume the Synod gave the Rev. Dr. Marteinsson a vote of thanks for his very able work on the paper during the past year, I feel constrained to add my personal appreciation to him. Looking over the last several copies, I find the paper has improved in format and in contents during the year, and there is evidence of improved co-operation from the various congregations of Synod. This is at it ought to be, and indeed, as it must be. This paper is not a brain child of any individual. It is created by the Synod and for the Synod. Please, therefore, carry out the resolution of the last synodical meeting relative to representatives in each locality who take the lead in promoting this paper, and send news regularly and punctually before the end of each month.

Remember, this paper will be what you make it. The Editor can't write it alone, and you would not want him to do it even if he could. Let's all work together this year, for a better "Parish Messenger".

Kindly send all communications to:

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Box 284, Winnipeg, Manitoba.

V.J.E.



## NOTES from OUR PARISHES

### ARGYLE PARISH NEWS

Since there has been no news from the Argyle Parish recently here follows a brief resume of the parish events of the last three months.

Recently the Parish purchased a Mimeograph machine which will be used to print Service Bulletins, news-letters, etc.

The Glenboro and Grund congregations participated with six other organizations in Glenboro in purchasing a "movie" sound projector. This machine will be used for showing religious and educational pictures in the community.

Funeral services were conducted for Mrs. F. Joel of Baldur on April 8th. Funeral services were also conducted from the Glenboro Lutheran Church for Mr. G. J. Olafson on April 26th. He was a former Reeve of the South-Cypress Municipality.

The following babies were recently baptized into the Lutheran Church of this parish: Shirley Ann, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. O'Dell (nee Anna Frederickson) of Baldur; Judith Carol, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wilmar Antoni of Grund; Stephen Roderick, son of Mr. and Mrs. Mundi Bjornson of Glenboro; and Leslie Theodore, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Anderson of Glenboro.

On May 23rd, Holy Trinity Sunday, five young people were confirmed in the Immanuel Lutheran Church of Baldur. They were: Thora Davidson, Caroline Frederickson, Winnona Frederickson, Daniel Johnson and Yvonne Magnusson. At this same service Shirley Ann O'dell, niece of Caroline and Winnona Frederickson, was baptized.

On the third Sunday after Trinity, June 13, four young people were received in the Bru Lutheran Church through Confirmation. They were: Edwin Hallgrimson, Allen Isleifson, Howard Johnson and Eleanor Klewchuk.

On Sunday afternoon, June 6, the Annual Sunday School picnic of the Parish was held at Grund. Almost 300 people, young and old, assembled in the Grund Church for a special service, with the members of the Sunday School processing to the front pews singing, "Praise Ye the Father". The pastor spoke on the place and importance of Christian Education. After the service foot-races and soft-ball was participated in by all of the young, and even by many of the older people.

On Sunday, May 30, the Pastor conducted

services in the Lutheran Church of Langruth. At 11 a.m. he spoke to the Sunday School; at 2 p.m., Icelandic service at which two babies were baptized, and at 7 p.m., an English joint-service with the United Church of Langruth. The two children baptized were: Svafa Elizabeth Linda, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wyatt Polson of Lake Francis, Man.; and David Sveinn, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sveinn Egilson of Langruth. Both services were well attended. At the afternoon service a large choir under the direction of Carl Lindal led in the singing of the service. Mr. Palmi Johnson of Langruth, sang a solo. While in Langruth, the pastor was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. B. Bjarnason. The Langruth congregation is to be congratulated for its fine manner in keeping up the work of the Church without the presence of a permanent pastor.

On April 20, the pastor and Tryggvi Johnson of Baldur met in Winnipeg with the executive Committee of Synod to plan for the Synod Convention in Gimli.

On May 3, the Rev. Eirikur Brynjolfson of Iceland, spoke at a programme sponsored by the Glenboro Lutheran Ladies Aid in the Glenboro Church. He spoke on contemporary conditions in Iceland.

On May 5, the people of the Bru community honored Mr. and Mrs. Hjalti Sveinsson on their 25th wedding anniversary. Friends and relatives from the entire parish assembled in the Bru Hall to pay tribute to the honored couple. They were presented with generous gifts from the community. Mr. Sveinsson is the president of the Bru Lutheran Church.

The Glenboro Lutheran choir presented a musical concert on May 21. Featured on the evening's programme were the "Merry Meds", a medical vocal sextette from Winnipeg. The choir also sang several numbers. The proceeds from the concert are being used to purchase choir gowns for the choir.

The pastor spoke at the High School graduation exercises at Mountain and Gardar, North Dakota, in the latter part of May.

Mrs. Rosa Hermannson Vernon, assisted by her daughter, Dorothy, sang a concert of classical and sacred music in the Glenboro Lutheran Church on June 10.

On June 12, Inga Helgason, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ingolfur Helgason of Glenboro, became the bride of Edwin Skafffeld of Winnipeg. The pastor performed the wedding service in the

Glenboro Lutheran Church, and the Rev. E. H. Fafnis of Mountain, sang two solos. A reception followed in the church parlors. The couple now reside in Winnipeg.

Delegates attending the Annual Synodical Convention at Gimli were: Mrs. J. A. Sveinsson and Mrs. T. Johnson of Baldur; John Christopherson of Grund; Mr. C. Nordman and Mr. Th. Hallgrimson of Bru, Mr. J. Christie and Mr. G. J. Oleson of Glenboro; T. Johnson of Baldur and the pastor. There were also a number of visitors attending from the parish.

Mrs. Emily Sigmar of the Grund Sunday School and Mrs. R. Helgason of the Glenboro S.S., and Pastor Sigmar attended the Sunday School Teachers Ass'n Rally at Sunrise Camp, on June 26-27.

The Rev. E. Brynjolfson and his family spent from July 3 to 6 in the Parish. They were guests at the home of Mrs. Emily Sigmar. While here, Sera Eirikur preached at services in Baldur and Bru; and on the evening of July 4 he was guest speaker at a programme in the Grund Church under the auspices of the Grund

Ladies Aid. The programme was very largely attended by all in the parish. Miss Svana Sigurgeirsdottir, daughter of the Bishop of Iceland, also spoke at this gathering, as did Dr. H. Sigmar of Vancouver. There were also local musical numbers.

The Lutheran Ladies Aid of Baldur presented a concert on July 8, featuring the Pilot Mound United Church Choir. Mr. Arni Sveinsson, a member of the Baldur Church, was organist for this musical group.

Many of the young people of the parish have attended the sessions of the Sunrise Lutheran Camp this summer. At the Leadership Training course from July 14 to 24, nine boys and girls attended from this community. The Pastor spent the first four days at the Camp as one of the instructors. Those at the Leadership group were: George Anderson and Ken Burton from Baldur; Art Swainson, Clarence Swainson, Margaret Anderson, Lillian Arason, John Sigmar, Don Neville and Bob Sinclair of Glenboro. Margaret Johnson of Bru attended the Junior Girls group.

## DO YOU KNOW?

### DO YOU KNOW—

that The Lord's Day Act of Canada is recognized among all democratic countries as the best Sunday legislation on the Statutes of any nation?

### DO YOU KNOW—

that this Lord's Day Act safeguards the people of Canada from all unnecessary business and toil on Sundays, and thereby provides the national weekly day of rest?

### DO YOU KNOW—

that this Lord's Day Act deals only with the weekly day of rest, and does not attempt to dictate how the Sunday is to be used, by individual citizens, either for religion or recreation?

### DO YOU KNOW—

that the Lord's Day Alliance, with the active cooperation of the labour organizations, business and industrial interests, as well as Christian Churches, secured this legislation from the Parliament of Canada in 1906?

### DO YOU KNOW—

that the Alliance, through its advocacy of the vital values of this weekly day of rest, has won freedom from Sunday toil for hundreds of thousands of Canadian workers, and continues to safeguard this great freedom from toil?

### DO YOU KNOW—

that the Alliance is not a law enforcement organization, and makes no attempt to usurp

the powers of police forces, but cooperates with them in their discharge of these important responsibilities?

### DO YOU KNOW—

that the Lord's Day Alliance has the endorsement of Christian Churches in all provinces of Canada as their representatives in this specific field of Christian humanitarian service?

### DO YOU KNOW—

that the chief work of the Alliance is the development of public opinion favourable to reasonable and consistent enforcement of this Sunday law, and that its representatives carry on an uninterrupted campaign of education, through addresses, distribution of literature, newspaper articles, etc.?

### DO YOU KNOW—

that, in the Province of Quebec, The Ligue du Dimanche is engaged in a constructive campaign of similar education concerning the basic values of the weekly rest day, in the interest of our fellow citizens of that province?

### DO YOU KNOW—

that the work undertaken by the Lord's Day Alliance is made possible by the free will contributions of interested citizens, and that our representatives in the various provinces, as well as the Head Office, will welcome your cooperation with us in this human welfare service?